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SUBJECT: KING HASSAN'S COMMENTS ON MIDDLE EAST

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1. DURING ONE HOUR AUDIENCE ALONE WITH KING HASSAN ON MARCH 14, I REVIEWED POINTS CONTAINED REFTEL ON RABIN VISIT TO WASHINGTON. KING APPRECIATED BEING INFORMED, FULLY APPROVED THE OBVIOUS PRIORITY PRESIDENT WAS GIVING TO PROGRESS TOWARD PEACE IN MIDDLE EAST, AND RECOGNIZED THAT RABIN VISIT REPRESENTED AN EARLY PHASE IN AN EXTENSIVE CONSULTATIVE PROCESS. HE CONCURRED THAT ISRAELIS COULD NOT HAVE BEEN EXPECTED TO CHANGE THEIR POSITION PRIOR TO ISRAELI ELECTIONS. KING WELCOMED OUR CONCLUSION THAT NO ALTERNATIVES WERE FORECLOSED.

2. ASKED WHETHER FONMIN LARAKI HAD BRIEFED HIM ON MY REPORT ON AMMAN MEETING WITH SECRETARY (RABAT 1043), KING REPLIED THAT AS LARAKI HAD CONVEYED ONLY THE GIST BECAUSE OF HIS FOCUSING AT THE TIME ON PREPARING HIS MARCH 3 THRONE DAY SPEECH, HE WOULD APPRECIATE HAVING THE DETAILS. I REITERATED BROAD LINES OF SECRETARY'S VIEWS ON HIS MIDDLE EAST FACT-FINDING TRIP, NOTING HIS APPRECIATION OF KING'S WILLINGNESS TO PLAY A HELPFUL ROLE TOWARD ME SOLUTION. WHEN I MENTIONED SECRETARY'S DESIRE TO HAVE THE KING'S VIEWS OF THE QUESTION OF PALESTINIAN REPRESENTATION AT
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GENEVA, HE OFFERED NO SPECIFIC SUGGESTIONS AND HAD LITTLE TO SAY ON SADAT'S FEBRUARY 17 PRESS CONFERENCE REMARKS ON A POSSIBLE JORDANIAN-PALESTINIAN CONFEDERAL ARRANGEMENT OTHER THAN TO REITERATE THAT IN HIS VIEW THE INTEGRATION OF PALESTINIANS INTO JORDAN WOULD INEVITABLY RESULT IN A RADICAL TAKEOVER OF THE PRESENT MODERATE LEADERSHIP IN JORDAN (RABAT 0852). IN HIS VIEW, ANY REAL MOVEMENT TOWARDS RECONVENING THE GENEVA CONFERENCE

WOULD HAVE TO AWAIT THE ISRAELI ELECTIONS IN MID-MAY ALTHOUGH HE
AGREED THAT THE ARAB CONFRONTATION STATES WERE READY TO GO TO GENEVA
WITHOUT SETTING SUBSTANTIVE PRE-CONDITIONS.
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